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If He Teachers the Tango He May Be All Right at That

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AUTOMOBILE RACERS
LOOKING FORWARD TO
MEMORIAL DAY EVENT.

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CLEVELAND WINS RIGHT
TO CLAIM THE AMERICAN
HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

SPORTS

500-MILE RACE
IN SPOTLIGHTSix Nations to Battle on Indian-
apolis Speedway May 30

Indianapolis, Ind., March 19.—With the Vanderbilt and Grand Prix races of the state, the racing world once more is turning its attention to the next 500-mile race on the Indianapolis motor speedway. This event gives promise of being the greatest contest in motor history, with no less than six nations battling for supremacy.

As last year, the foreign contingent seems likely to rule a favorite over the home aggregation. The presence of such men as Bollot, Goux, Chassagne, Guyot, and Christensen in the invading ranks is held sufficient to insure a European victory.

Bollot, for instance, is admittedly the greatest driver of his time, a man who has won more big events than he has fingers and toes, among them the two Grand Prix races of 1912 and 1913. This entrant alone is thought capable of vanquishing the entire American field. And then there are others.

Goux is but a slight shade behind Bollot in brilliancy. Both driving Peugeot cars, the pair usually finishes one, two, What Goux is capable of, the last 500-mile race, which he won, hands down, conclusively demonstrated.

Chassagne comes as the undisputed speed king of Europe, having covered more territory in an hour than any other human being, either alive or dead. One hundred and twelve miles he reeled off in his Sunbeam on the Brooklands track recently before the hour mark was reached. Driving a car of the same make at Indianapolis, he is expected to push the other entrants to the limit.

Guyot is one of the coolest and craftiest drivers in the game. Last year at Le Mans, where a second edition of the Grand Prix is annually run, he was but barely nosed out for first by his teammate, Bollot, with an average of 76.8, the European high-water mark. Guyot will drive the same car at Indianapolis he handled at Le Mans.

Christensen, who will compete in an Excelsior, is a lesser light, but a no less formidable one. His chief claim to fame is his uncanny ability to which round corners, an art which he has to peer. He is a pilot who will bear lots of watching.

The American field is as yet in the making, and, therefore, not subject to much comment. To date Burman and Cooper loom up as the chief contenders. Both these men are thought capable of holding their own with anything the other side of the water can produce, providing their cars stand the gaff. On this the race will hinge.

BEATEN BY FORMER CHAMP.

Offenheimer Loses to Brown in Billiard Tourney.

New York, March 19.—Although beaten in the twelfth game of the national amateur billiard tournament by the former champion, Morris D. Brown of Brooklyn, Dr. Walter E. Offenheimer of Philadelphia made a fine up-hill fight, and in his twenty-sixth inning gave a beautiful exhibition of high class billiards with a run of 192.

A two-cushion attempt with the object balls widely separated near the top of the table proved to be the Philadelphiaan's undoing in his effort to exceed 100, the high run of the tourney, made last week by Brown.

COPELAND TO AUSTRALIA.

New York, March 19.—"Al" Copeland, ex-champion hurdler and broad jumper, international authority on the subject of athletics, formerly coach at Yale, Princeton and the New York Athletic Club, will sail on March 21 to take up his duties as coach of the Australian athletes for the Olympic games.

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CHARLES H. THOMAS NEW
PRESIDENT OF CUBS.

Chicago, Ill., March 19.—Charles H. Thomas was yesterday elected president of the Chicago National League Baseball Club. C. P. Taft, majority stockholder of the club, was present at the election and declared that he would retain his stock at least a year during which time Thomas would remain president of the club. Thomas was secretary of the club during the Murphy regime.

Mr. Taft said that Thomas would take immediate charge and reiterated that Charles Murphy had sold out, thus indicating that Murphy's retirement would be actual, despite reports that Thomas, if elected, would be only a figurehead, the former president continuing his active direction of the club's affairs.

Thomas declared he would retain Henry O'Day as manager.

CLEVELAND WINS HOCKEY
CHAMPIONSHIP FROM SOOIN FOUR GAME SERIES EASTERN
TEAM LEADS BY FIVE
GOALS.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 19.—The Cleveland Athletic club won the championship of the American Amateur Hockey association here last night when it defeated the American Soo team of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 4 to 2, in a rough, fast game.

With the victory goes possession of the \$2,000 James MacNaughton trophy. A four game series, two games being played at Sault Ste. Marie and two in Cleveland. Cleveland already had won two games, 4-3 and 3-1, and had one, 2-2. However, the series was decided on total points scored and Cleveland therefore won from the American Soo, 13 to 8.

PLAN RACE COURSE
TO COST \$500,000
ON THE STATE LINE.

LaPorte, Ind., March 19.—Michigan and Indiana horsemen are promoting the location of a race course on the state line where it is proposed to construct one of the fastest tracks in the west. The association will incorporate under the laws of Michigan and Indiana and an investment of half a million dollars is contemplated.

It is planned to have the course in readiness for races in 1915 and by offering large purses to attract fields of horses.

FIGURE SKATING RACES.

New York, March 19.—Irving Brokaw, chairman of the figure skating committee of the International Skating union, announces that the American figure skating championship will be held in the new arena at New Haven, Conn., March 20 and 21. This is the first time that a championship in this country has been held under the international style of skating, which through Brokaw's efforts, has been adopted as the standard in this country.

BAR COACHES FROM BENCH.

Cambridge, Mass., March 19.—Coaches and graduates will be barred from the players' bench of the Harvard baseball team during games this season. Dean Le Baron R. Briggs, chairman of the committee on athletics, made the announcement last night in his annual report. He said it was desired that the team should be thrown on its own responsibility and that the exigencies of the game should be met by the captain instead of by coaches. The baseball squad had its first outdoor practice yesterday.

DRAFT FEDS' SCHEDULE.

Chicago, March 19.—Lloyd Rickart, secretary of the Federal league left today for St. Louis where he will begin the work of drafting the league's playing schedule. It was said efforts would be made to avoid conflicts with the better drawing teams in cities which have both National and American league clubs, and if possible to avoid them entirely in the others.

AD WILL MEET
RITCHIE AGAINThinks He Should Have Been Given
a Draw at Least

Cadillac, Mich., March 19.—"No more fights for me until May or June," said Ad Wolgast today when asked who his next opponent in the ring would be.

Ad is somewhat peeved at the manner in which Chicago sport writers handled him in their fight stories. "I do not see how I could get worse than a draw," declared Wolgast. "Why I had Ritchie nearer to being down and out in the ninth round than he had me out of commission in the seventh round."

Ad says that he surely would have been awarded the fight on a foul had he cared to stop the fray in the seventh session and had permitted a physician to examine him. "It looked like my fight at that time," said Wolgast, "and the effect of the blow was hardly noticeable at the time, but it surely showed on me in the eighth and ninth rounds. Then I recovered and was myself again in the tenth."

Wolgast is ready and anxious to meet the champion again and he believes they will come together eventually, though not for several months. "While I don't care for any more of my game fight now," asserted Wolgast, "I will have to be forced into another match with me by public opinion. I'm going to keep right on pegging away and show that I am just as good as I was when I won my title in 1910."

Commenting on Ritchie's future fights Wolgast said: "I don't believe Ritchie ever will fight Tommy Murphy. I have inside information that he plans to call off the hound with Murphy. If he faces Jimmy Duffy he will receive a trimming or I am a poor judge. Duffy is the cleverest little man in the ring today—much cleverer than Ritchie. In spite of the opinions of critics I can see where Ritchie is actually a clever boxer. He has all the motions of a clever fighter, but really he doesn't seem able to land as often and as accurately as a clever boxer should."

WOULD REGAIN TITLE.

Sutton To Meet Hoppe In Match Friday Night.

New York, March 19.—George Sutton, who will seek to regain the 150-lb. bulk billiard championship from Willie Hoppe, for the match is practicing hard. Sutton and Hoppe will meet Friday night.

Although the pair have met on numerous occasions before for the 152 lb. title, on which Hoppe seems to have all claims, it has been a year since there has been a game for the title of the one-shot-in style of game. Last year the titular name was played at Pittsburgh on March 17, when Hoppe wrested the crown from Ora Morningstar, who in the previous year took the title from Sutton.

KING WITNESSES BOUT.

London, March 19.—King George attained distinction this week of being the first reigning British monarch to witness a public exhibition of the "crazy art of self-defense." As the guest of the Second Life Guards, of which he is colonel, he was entertained at a boxing and fencing exhibition at the Regent's Park barracks. Bombardier Wells, the former British heavy weight champion, and Pat O'Keefe of Ireland gave a fast exhibition of sparring and several clever amateurs also took part in bouts.

CENTRAL TO TRAVEL FAR.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 19.—President Heilbroner of the Central league says the total mileage of the six clubs will be 35,258 and by clubs as follows: Grand Rapids, 5,888; Fort Wayne, 5,404; Springfield, 6,098; Dayton, 5,750; Terre Haute, 6,197; and Evansville, 5,916. The shortest jump is between Springfield and Dayton and is twenty-five miles by trolley. The longest is between Evansville and Grand Rapids, 400 miles.

SMALL PITCHERS
ON TIGER STAFFJennings Regards Daus as One
of the Best in Game

Gulfport, Miss., March 19.—Hugh Jennings has a pitching staff that runs to extremes.

He has men who tower above six feet and weigh, stripped, around 299 pounds. He has others who have to stand on their toes to make the 5 foot 10 mark and who scale at about 135 or 140 pounds.

In other years Detroit fans were accustomed to seeing their pitchers in uniforms that would fit giants. Willett, Mullin, Donovan, Killian, Sliever, Summers—all were big men and Jennings liked them that way because they looked strong, were strong and could stand lots of work.

This spring, however, he has three young fellows who could train down almost to the welterweight limit. George Daus, Claude Williams and Ralph Comstock are little men and two of them—Comstock and Williams—promise to stick. Daus, of course, won a place with the league's star pitchers by his work last season.

Daus weighs about 165 or 168 pounds when in shape. Comstock figures about the same, while Williams does his best work when having but 155 pounds to carry around.

Jennings says he expects Daus to make an even better record this year than last.

"The one year's experience with the Tigers will do George a lot of good," declares Hughie. "He is a wise young fellow and takes advantage of every lesson in the hitting corner of an opposing player. I consider Daus to be by far the best young pitcher in the American league and I am not alone in this belief. Clark Griffith, of the Nationals, was one of the first of opposing managers to recognize in Daus a coming star."

HOW BILLY EVANS STARTED.

One of Ban Johnson's Best Umps Former Scribe.

Here's how Billy Evans, reputed to be one of the best umpires on Ban Johnson's staff, broke into the game. Billy had returned to Youngstown from Cornell University where a dapper youth. He gained a place on a home town paper as a reporter at the stipend of \$12 a week. One day while covering a ball game from the press box Billy was asked if he couldn't take the place of the ump, who had failed to appear.

Billy did and gave such satisfaction he was asked to come again. Considering that he was getting \$5 for an afternoon's work as an arbiter and only \$12 for a whole week's work for the paper Evans soon quit the paper. His advent into the big league came when Jimmy McAleer recommended him to Johnson, who knew what a tough place to umpire in Youngstown was.

By his display of nerve on the field Billy soon gained the respect of both players and fans. Of course, his knowledge of the fine points of the game and his keen eyesight of every play that took place also were big factors in raising him high in the estimation of those who run the great national pastime and those who patronize it.

ONE-EYED PITCHERS.

Detroit Tigers Have Baseball Curiosity On Roster.

Gulfport, Miss., March 19.—If Tiger Cuyet makes the Detroit team this season Jennings will have under his command an oddity as a pitcher. Cuyet, last summer, had serious trouble with his eyes. The trouble developed to a point where the pitcher was forced to work with a shade over his optics, and this spring he says he has practically lost the sight of his right eye.

He cannot distinguish objects across the diamond when his left eye is closed, and, if making the team, will probably be the only one-eyed man ever on a major league club.

CALLS BASEBALL "FUTILE."

English Writer Wants Due Balance
Between Attack and Defense.

London, March 19.—None of the comments on the game between the Giants and the White Sox, played before King George, have been either quaint. "Previous attempts to exploit baseball in England have resulted in failure," says a writer in The Economist, "and, although the exhibition given at Chelsea last Thursday was honored by the presence of King George and attracted a far bigger crowd—constituted, by the way, largely of Americans—than any of its predecessors, I do not think that the game will ever 'catch on' over here."

"After seeing the Giants of New York beaten by the White Sox of Chicago, one came away feeling that it was a pity that so much skill should be expended on so futile a game, and wondering what on earth our American cousins can see in it. It must surely be something invisible to our eyes."

"According to English ideas, more than half the joy of a ball game consists in hitting the ball with something, and hitting it fairly often, but baseball is a game in which a player is expected to be a 'batter' that hits as few and far between. In short, the balance between attack and defense, which is essential to a good game, is wanting."

LEGISLATURE TO
DISCUSS BOXINGHot Fight Promised Over Bill to
Abolish New York Commish

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—The Murray bill, which seeks to abolish the state athletic commission and stop all professional boxing exhibitions in this state, is likely to provide some lively scenes in the legislature. Assemblyman Martin G. McGuire of New York City, in opposing the legislation, declared that professional boxing was the finest of manly sports.

"Many of you know," exclaimed McGuire, "that for years before becoming a member of this body, I was a prize fighter. The sport as regulated by law is manly, not brutal or degrading."

I wish everything in political life were done as openly and as thoroughly as boxing are done under the present law to the injured circle."

Andrew P. Murray, a New York city progressive, replied with an attack on boxing. "The so-called boxing exhibitions which have been given under the present law," he said, "are in reality brutalizing prize fights and especially degrading to youth. The very first fight under this law was held in New York under the supervision of a member of this legislature. The house was sold out twice, ticket holders were swindled and the performance was irreparable. These exhibitions are controlled by crooked politicians. They are unspeakably degrading."

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